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EDITORIAL

News about the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*

The *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology* is entering a time of transition. For the past 9 years, Dr. Alex Yu, from the Alice Ho Miu Ling Tai Po Nethersole Hospital, has served as the Editor-in-Chief. Beginning in January 2011, Dr. C.C. Szeto, from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, assumed the duty of Editor-in-Chief, and Dr. Sydney Tang from the University of Hong Kong became the Deputy Editor. We continue to work with Elsevier as our publisher, but from this issue onwards, we have transferred our journal's editorial production from Elsevier's Hong Kong office to their global system.

Our readers may also have noticed that there is something different about the journal since the last issue. Our editorial board and Elsevier had an in-depth discussion about this transition and what it might mean for the journal's readership. Through the rearrangement of our design, we hope to improve the clarity of the journal by making better use of images and space. You might also have noticed a change in the style of our cover design. The transformation is not purely artistic. The content is broadly the same, but there are a few minor changes in order to improve readability.

There are other new changes coming. Notably, we plan to introduce our online manuscript submission system in early 2012. Since August 2011, our editorial board members

have been working busily with our publisher. A few of us have undergone training sessions so that we can streamline the workflow in the editorial office. We have also taken this opportunity to update the ever-growing list of peer reviewers for our journal. One of the major objectives of these moves is to shorten the turnaround time of manuscript review, which we believe will play a critical role in attracting researchers to publish their work in our journal.

Despite all of these changes, we aim to stick to the original purposes of the Journal, that is, to promote clinical and scientific research in the field of nephrology, and to serve as a channel of communication amongst nephrologists and renal nurses in Hong Kong, China, as well as the international community. We take this opportunity to thank the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology for their endless support to the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*, and we are particularly grateful to Ms. Vicky Lam of Elsevier, whose endurance and professional advice have been critical to the smooth running of our Journal.

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